

WILL COUNTY METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY

Date: May 26, 2021

Authority Memo Number **061-2021 May 26, 2021 Regular Meeting**

The May 26, 2021 regular meeting of the Will County Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Board was held via ZOOM meetings. Board Chairman Bob Filotto called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Board members and staff were invited to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There was no public present on the ZOOM call. Present: Bob Filotto, Tim Broderick, Donnie Chestnutt, Jane Condon, Kathy Trizna and City Liaison, Pat Mudron.

Staff: Val Devine, Christine Sturm

Absent: Jeff Pierson, Legal Counsel David Silverman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Authority Memo Number **0058-2021 April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Discussion and Vote:

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the April 28, 2021 minutes. He invited further discussion and, hearing none, he directed roll be called. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: T. Broderick moved and D. Chestnutt seconded approval of April 28, 2021 minutes as presented.

AYES: Members Filotto, Broderick, Chestnutt, Condon and Trizna

Nays: None

Public to be Heard Re: Agenda Items – No response.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Authority Memo Number **059-2021 Operational Bills Paid, and Payable Age Listing**

Chairman Filotto asked Mike Piehl to comment on financial statement. Piehl reported that the majority of the payments went to wedding refunds, the electricity bill, monies refunded to Ticketmaster and an insurance payment to Zurich Insurance.

Discussion and Vote:

The Chair invited further discussion and, hearing none, he directed roll to be called. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: D. Chestnutt moved and T. Broderick seconded approval of accounts received in the amount of \$51,216 and payables in the amount of \$41,214.63.

AYES: Members Filotto, Broderick, Chestnutt, Condon and Trizna

Nays: NONE

Authority Memo Number **060-2021 April 2021 Financial Statements**

Discussion and Vote:

The Chairman asked for any questions or comments. None were heard. He noted that the Accounts Receivable Aging Summary was not given in the past. M. Piehl provided the reports as Karen Leno had left her position with the theatre. D. Chestnutt asked that the Accounts Aging summary be put in the financial package each month for future meetings.

The Chair invited further discussion and, hearing none, he directed roll be called.

Motion: D. Chestnutt moved and J. Condon seconded approval of the April 2021 Financial Statements

AYES: Members Filotto, Broderick, Chestnutt, Condon and Trizna.

Nays: NONE

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

RSTF Report: J. Condon reported that the RSTF was going to have a memorial committee meeting to discuss having a bust made of Dorothy Mavrich to put in the lobby area and murals painted on the Chicago Street windows. Estimates for the projects were about \$25,000. The Foundation was also looking into hiring an event planner to coordinate raffle baskets and events. At their next meeting, the Foundation will try to get a grasp on what opening up this fall will look like and what fundraisers can be held. Condon also reported that the funds raised from the memorials donated in tribute to Jim Smith and Lynne Lichtenauer totaled \$11,800.

Executive Director's Report: V. Devine gave updates on returning staff. Josh McGinnis and Leann Hoffrogge will be returning on July 6th. Jack Ericksen was to return the first week of June. Nancy Lindmark will remain working at about 10 hours per week. Kris Hernandez, Krystal Hernandez-Ehrman and Christine Sturm will remain at part-time hours through September, depending on circumstances.

The Rialto is in the Tier 3 group of the SVOG funds and V. Devine expects a confirmation on them by late June. B. Filotto asked if there were limitations on how the funds may be used. M. Piehl said there were some limitations but the funds could be used for ticket refunds, payroll and other capital purposes. J. Condon asked if it was certain that the Rialto would receive the funds. Piehl said that the theatre should receive the funds due to the number of applications the government received.

M. Piehl explained the uses for SVOG money (payroll, ticket refunds, some capitol). Based on number of application and the amount of funding, technically we should/could get the entire amount assuming we filled out the application properly.

Filotto reminded the Board that we (Val, Bob, RSTF) have met with both city and county officials to try and get money from some of the millions that each are getting. Mudron reported that he has met with Ghedotte regarding the second half of our 2020 subsidy. Ghedotte is researching how the monies they are receiving can be spent. Mudron also reported that he is looking into additional monies that are coming from Foster's office and that he is hoping to meet with the organization slated to be the group to consult on the distribution.

Devine reported on a roof leak that Adler has looked at that is twofold issue. A roof leak and an area on either side of the dome. Adler is aware of the \$10,000 cap on a quote and will be working on a cost estimate. Adler has been a supporter of the theatre with annual donations. In addition, the power went out to all areas in the theatre and rotunda areas Tuesday (yesterday) afternoon. It was decided to call MKD (they performed the IR test) to trouble shoot. They determined it is a bad breaker, have tracked one down and are aware of the tight timeline with a Paranormal Tour on Friday and a wedding on Saturday. In the middle of this, Devine received a call from the IBEW about the fact that MKD is not union and that this was a serious matter that needed to be rectified with the release of MKD and the hiring of one of their contractors. The Board decided to allow MKD to finish the job and would address hiring union electricians as we move forward.

Filotto asked for an update on the vacant board seat (Bill Kent). Devine responded that the last she had heard was that Bill had received a packet from the State which he completed and returned. She confirmed that while appointments had been made from the state, ours was not one.

Chairman's Report: B. Filotto had no news to report. He said he would like to meet in person for June's meeting. Everyone agreed. D. Chestnutt asked if it was possible to look at a budget for the upcoming year. M. Piehl agreed to have a preliminary budget put together for the next meeting.

Committee Reports: No reports.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – No response.

Motion: Board Chairman B. Filotto requested a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. T. Broderick moved and J. Condon seconded the motion.

AYES: Members Filotto, Broderick, Chestnutt, Condon and Trizna.

NAYS: NONE

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Christine Sturm, Recording Secretary.

Kathy Trizna, Board Secretary

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